

## Protests back hunger strikers

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (Agencies) — Several thousand Palestinians demonstrated here today in support of hunger-striking prisoners in Israeli jails. The apparently spontaneous outburst was broken up peacefully, a police spokesman said, after the demonstrators gathered in the courtyard of Al Aqsa Mosque and shouted: "With blood and fire we shall free you, Palestine." In an unrelated incident, dozens of Arab youths surrounded two Israeli border policemen and were then dispersed. Forty were arrested.

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## World condemns Israeli annexation Security Council action sought on Jerusalem bill

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 1 (Agencies) — The 40-member Islamic Group agreed today to ask for an early meet-

ing of the U.N. Security Council on Israel's new law for the annexation of occupied East Jerusalem.

Delegates in the group said that agreement was reached at a up conference lasting almost 3 hours. The request would go late today and the meeting was to take place Monday, they said. Some diplomats expected that the debate sanctions against Israel would be proposed and that the United States would veto a draft for the letter requesting a meeting said the council should take up the Knesset's Tuesday annexation action and consider "ways and means to secure the implementation" of a June council resolution that called Israel to desist from changes in Jerusalem.

sage to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin setting out the Egyptian reaction to the law, Egyptian sources said today.

The president had a two-hour meeting with senior government leaders today to review Egypt's position.

The president also would not suspend talks with Israel on Palestinian autonomy or recall Egypt's ambassador in Tel Aviv, the sources said.

Turkey has recalled its chief diplomatic representative in Israel for consultations, following its protest of the Israeli action on Jerusalem.

Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel said in Ankara after a cabinet meeting Thursday that the government had decided to recall Turkey's charge d'affaires Mr. Gundogdu Ustun and to reiterate that Turkey would not accept the Israeli "fait accompli."

Turkey is one of the few Muslim countries which maintain relations with Israel and is represented by a legation in Tel Aviv.

We are sovereign Jerusalem and we can do as we please, says one Israeli official

ation Security Council, Bangladesh, Niger and Tunisia, is Pakistan, Jordan, Morocco, and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). The Knesset vote provoked a worldwide storm of protest. It was criticised even by normally friendly countries such as the Netherlands, the only European nation with its embassy in Jerusalem instead of Tel Aviv. Israeli officials say they expect the war to subside with minimal damage.

They contend that Israel weathered similar storms when it moved its capital in 1950, and when it moved its foreign ministry there in 1950.

"We are sovereign in Jerusalem, and we can do as we please," one official asserted.

A JORDAN, government spokesman announced Thursday that Jordan believes the Israeli "contradicts international law and resolutions adopted by the United Nations and its bodies."

he spokesman emphasised that the Jordanian government "does not recognise the Israeli decision in detail and regards Jerusalem as an integral part of the occupied Arab territories."

le added that "the Jordanian government will reconsider its position with any country accepting the Israeli decision on Jerusalem or moving its embassy to Jerusalem."

le urged Islamic states "to move to the resolutions adopted only in Amman on Jerusalem on boycotting Israel and the Arab states supporting the Israeli boycott."

U.S. State Department spokesman John Tanner told reporters Thursday "We continue to feel that unilateral acts seeking to change the status of Jerusalem are a negotiated settlement have no effect."

le said that such actions were "helpful" and diverted attention from the Israel-Egypt talks on Palestinian autonomy.

**'The Israeli decision is nothing more than a continuation of the policy of aggression and expansion it has so far been pursuing,' says Kuwaiti Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al Sabah**

policy of aggression and expansion it has so far been pursuing in defiance of the world community as represented by the resolutions of the U.N. General Assembly and Security Council," Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al Sabah, the crown prince and prime minister, said in a statement to Kuwait Radio.

Sheikh Saad lashed out at the U.S. for "denouncing the latest U.N. General Assembly resolutions calling on Israel to evacuate all occupied Arab lands including Jerusalem and setting up an independent state, instead of condemning the Israeli parliament decision to annex the holy city of Jerusalem."

"The United States has surprisingly sided with injustice instead of backing what is right," he added.

A Syrian daily newspaper called for the expulsion of Israel from the U.N. and the imposition of economic sanctions against it because it flouted U.N. resolutions.

Al Baath, organ of the Arab Baath Socialist Party ruling Syria, said Thursday that since its creation in 1948, Israel has persisted in flouting United Nations resolutions and violated its charter, and in contradiction to international law it has adopted a bill declaring Jerusalem capital.

"The world should expel Israel from the United Nations and impose a blockade against it. The Arab states should in turn plan a new strategy and take firm

action against the countries which support Israel, first and foremost the United States," the newspaper said.

Another daily, the government newspaper *Tichrin*, said the Arabs must distinguish between their friends and enemies.

"There are still Arab countries which look towards the United States and Western Europe for a solution of the (Middle East) conflict. But things have become clear now and the Arabs should seek to develop their relations with the Soviet Union, which supports them," the newspaper said.

"The government of the NETHERLANDS rejects any unilateral action designed to change the status of Jerusalem," the Dutch Foreign Ministry said in a statement released only hours after the Knesset vote.

"This has been the position of the Netherlands ever since the Israeli occupation of East Jerusalem in 1967," the foreign ministry statement said. The Dutch government feels that "East Jerusalem should be considered as territory occupied by Israel" which "consequently falls under the rules of international law, which binds Israel as the occupying power."

A Dutch spokesman, however, pointed out that the Dutch embassy is located in West Jerusalem and said there "are definitely no plans to move the mission."

The WEST GERMAN Foreign Ministry declared that "The (Israeli) measure is apt to seriously hamper peace efforts as can already be seen from first reactions out of Egypt." The ministry spokesman also pointed out that the nine European partners — at their meeting in Venice — recognised the importance of the Jerusalem question for all concerned.

He said the Nine were unable to accept a one-sided change in the status of Jerusalem.

The FRENCH government Thursday accused Israel of breaking international law and adding to Middle East tensions with its newly adopted law on Jerusalem.

The new law was "a unilateral decision" and part of "a series of measures intended to challenge the status of Jerusalem," a foreign ministry spokesman said.

It charged that the new statute "is contrary to international law and U.N. resolutions."

In Peking CHINA charged Israel with aggressive and expansionist policies and said the recent U.N. resolution on Palestine reflected the pressing desire of the majority of nations for a settlement of the Middle East dispute.

BANGLADESH strongly condemned the decision as a "flagrant violation of U.N. resolutions and affront to Muslim sentiments."



Her Majesty Queen Noor holds a bouquet as she stands with His Majesty King Hussein West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Mrs. Schmidt upon the royal couple's departure from West Germany.

Schmidt upon the royal couple's departure from West Germany.

## Arafat denies Al Fatah urged Israel's destruction

PARIS, Aug. 1 (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has denied that his guerrilla movement Al Fatah had rejected negotiations and called for the destruction of Israel.

In an interview with the *International Herald Tribune*, Mr. Arafat denied press reports that at a congress last May, Al Fatah resolved to seek the annihilation of Israel.

"It was a draft put forward by a small group but it was never adopted by the Fatah congress," Mr. Arafat was quoted as saying.

Reports at the time quoted a resolution adopted at the Damascus congress which was said to call on the Palestinians to "liquidate the Zionist entity politically, economically, militarily, culturally and ideologically."

The text was seized upon by Israel as proof of its longstanding charge that far from having learned diplomacy and moderation as many westerners have come to believe, Mr. Arafat still wants the Zionist state destroyed.

"It is the latest part in a long series of attempts by (Israeli Prime Minister Menachem) Begin to falsify and denigrate the Palestinian position," Mr. Arafat was quoted as saying.

Interviewer Joseph Fitchett said Mr. Arafat who is also chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), anxious to correct the bad public relations caused by publication of the alleged Fatah text.

He was quoted as saying the text advocating Israel's destruction was leaked by a Palestinian

journalist to the Beirut newspaper *Al Liwa*, which published it as an exclusive purporting to unveil Al Fatah's political platform.

At the congress, however, this text was only one of several competing drafts that were referred to another committee, the revolutionary command, for later study, Mr. Arafat was quoted as saying.

Asked if he was repudiating Fatah congress in order to regain European backing, Mr. Arafat was quoted as replying, "I am not denying anything of the congress. I stand by the resolutions, but the so-called platform was only rumours."

These resolutions, he reportedly said, confirm the PLO's earlier movement toward a more flexible position on possible solutions with Israel.

Asked why he had taken so long to the press versions of the Fatah resolutions, Mr. Arafat was quoted as saying he had been too occupied with other issues.

Israel today charged that Mr. Arafat's interview was a "deliberate attempt to mislead Europe." A senior foreign ministry official said the disputed resolution clearly had been reaffirmed as Al Fatah policy because it had been broadcast on the PLO radio and had been confirmed at least twice by Fatah spokesmen in press interviews.

Israel also had circulated its version of the Fatah decision at the United Nations, the official said.

"Not one of them (the PLO observers) refuted these resolutions or dissociated themselves from them in any way before Arafat gave the interview," he said.

## PLO denied observer status Saudi Arabia, Kuwait freeze loans to World Bank in protest

JEDDAH, Aug. 1 (R) — Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have frozen major loans to the World Bank in protest against a U.S.-sponsored move to deny the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) observer status at the next joint World Bank-International Monetary Fund annual meeting, the newspaper *Asharq Al Awsat* reported today.

Quoting World Bank sources in Washington, the newspaper said the countries might freeze more planned loans if industrialised countries continued to block PLO attendance at the meeting.

The United Arab Emirates was expected to join any future freeze on lending, it added.

*Asharq Al Awsat* said Saudi Arabia told the bank this week that it would freeze plans to lend it \$420 million through the Saudi Development Fund.

Kuwait froze a planned bank borrowing of 150 million Deutschmarks from the Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company, the newspaper added.

*Asharq Al Awsat*, which is published simultaneously in London and Jeddah, said the freeze came

after the United States and its allies tried to block an invitation to the PLO from Mr. Amir Jamal, chairman of the World Bank board of governors, to send an observer to the meeting in Washington in October.

World Bank President Robert McNamara had proposed in response to the invitation that observer status be restricted this year to those who were present last year, it reported.

The move, which would have excluded the PLO, was an interim measure until the bylaw on observers was clarified, it quoted Mr. McNamara as saying.

## Names son Reza heir to dynasty

## Shah's dying wish: Bury me with my men

CAIRO, Aug. 1 (Agencies) — The former Shah of Iran said from his deathbed his ruined dynasty is inherited by his oldest son, and that the toppled leader should be buried alongside Iranian army officers executed for plotting against the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Middle East News Agency reported today.

"I hand over the crown prince (Reza) to God's care and the great Iranian people, and this is my last wish," the cancer-stricken Shah was

quoted as saying as he awaited death in an Egyptian military hospital. The agency said the Shah's final statement, characterised as a message to the Iranian people, came from his widow, former Empress Farah Diba. The news agency dispatch quoted her as saying, "In his days, as he lay sick... he at various times said words I took as recommendations, and wrote down in the form of a message."

The Shah died last Sunday from complications arising out of his six-year fight against cancer. His regime collapsed in early 1979 after a Khomeini-revolution chased him out of his country.

The Shah said he fled Tehran during the Islamic revolution to prevent more bloodshed. "I swear in God's name that I am a faithful Muslim with a clear conscience and complete spiritual purity and that I was obliged to leave the land of Iran in order to prevent the blood of my people from being shed."

"I have not stopped thinking of the black days my people are passing through." He referred to the Iranian officers who plotted a coup against Ayatollah Khomeini's administration as martyrs who were constantly in his thoughts.

"What a coincidence — at the time when my heart will stop beating, the hearts of the courageous army officers who wanted to save the motherland were exposed to the bullets on the enemies of Iran" the message said.

Saying he wanted to establish an eternal relationship with the Iranian army, the Shah asked that when Iran is "liberated" his mortal remains be put into the executed officers' graves.

## Iraqi diplomat held in bomb plot

WEST BERLIN, Aug. 1 (R) — The first secretary of the Iraqi embassy in East Berlin was detained by West Berlin police here early today accused of involvement in an attempted bomb attack, security officials said. The officials said First Secretary Khalid Jaber and another embassy employee were picked up after they handed a suitcase full of explosives to co-conspirators planning to blow up a youth centre in West Berlin. The attack was aimed at a congress of Kurdish students, the officials said. Security officials had infiltrated the plotters, they added. They said the suitcase was fitted with an electrical detonator and had been smuggled in from East Berlin by the diplomats. (see story below)

## King Hussein, Austria president confer in Vienna

VIENNA, Aug. 1 (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein met Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger during a four-day visit to Austria, foreign ministry officials said here.

King Hussein visited Mr. Kirchschlaeger at his Austrian holiday resort of Meurztal to discuss the international political situation.

He saw Chancellor Bruno Kreisky here last night for discussions of the Middle East situation, after holding similar talks earlier this week with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in Paris and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in Hamburg. Mr. Kreisky interrupted a holiday in Mallorca, Spain, to meet the King.

Mr. Kreisky, as head of a Socialist fact-finding commission, has made several visits to the Middle East. King Hussein ended what he termed a satisfactory three-day working visit to West Germany Thursday with a courtesy call on President Karl Carstens at his Villa Hammerschmidt residence.

He held political talks with Mr. Carstens and attended a luncheon in His Majesty's honour.

After his talks with Mr. Schmidt, who came to Hamburg from his summer home in nearby Brahmssee, King Hussein praised his host's "great understanding" of the Arab position and told reporters: "There is great understanding on each side for both positions."

## Thorn sees W. Bank during visit to Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 1 (AP) — Luxembourg Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn today completed a one-day visit to explore Israel's negative reaction to the Common Market's Venice declaration on Middle East policy.

Mr. Thorn met in occupied Jerusalem with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and the chief Israeli negotiator on Palestinian autonomy, Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

Mr. Thorn also took a helicopter tour of the occupied West Bank with Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, who emphasised the security value of the Jewish settlements which Mr. Begin's government has built in occupied Arab territory.

On emerging from his meeting with Mr. Begin, Mr. Thorn said he was not surprised to find that Israel and Europe differed and held divergent views.

Mr. Begin rejected a European suggestion that it might be helpful to include the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the negotiations, and an official foreign ministry communiqué said Israel had rejected the resolutions of the summit conference in Venice last month of the nine Common Market leaders and would not agree to negotiate on the basis of these resolutions.

Mr. Thorn, who had come with two senior aides, is to continue the tour with talks in Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria and the Gulf states.

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## Development plan teams set up

AMMAN, August 1 (JT) — Fifteen sectorial committees have been set up to prepare for the next five-year development plan (1981-1985).

In a statement distributed to all ministries and departments, Prime Minister Qasem Al Rimawi also called for forming subsectorial committees to prepare the detailed projects to be included in the plan.

He defined the duties of the sectorial committees as follows: to receive the subsectorial plans through the National Planning Council (NPC), study the subsectorial plans as to goals, organizational measures, projects and costs, unify the subsectorial plans in one integrated plan for the sec-

tor stipulating goals, priorities and costs, coordinate the plans and programs of institutions working within the sector and study projects and programs included in the regional plans and see if they can be contained within the sectorial plans.

The appointed sectorial committees are: agriculture, industry, mining and electricity; water; trade and supply; transport, construction and communications; health; population, manpower, labour, rehabilitation and vocational training; social work and social services; education, higher education and vocational training; municipal and village services, environment and housing; scientific research, technology and



statistics; government administration; culture, information, tourism, antiquities and hotels; Awqaf and Islamic affairs; and banking and financial institutions committee.

## TODAY'S WEATHER

There will be slight increase in temperature tomorrow with northwesterly light to moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate with calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	Low 20	High 34
Aqaba	26	41
Deserts	20	38
Jordan Valley	25	40

## Deadline for work permits, visas extended until Aug. 21

AMMAN, Aug. 1 (JNA) — Minister of Interior Ali Bashir has extended until Aug. 21 the deadline for foreign workers to apply for an annual residence visa. Those who fail to meet this deadline will be deported from Jordan, the minister said.

Foreign workers coming into Jordan must first obtain proper permission — residence visas and work permits — from the minister of interior and be sponsored by a company or individual. Those who violate these regulations will be deported at the expense of the company or employer.

Also, the ministry of labour today decided to extend the deadline to Aug. 21 for foreign workers without work permits to obtain all the proper permits. Under-

secretary Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jaber announced. The previous deadline was to expire today.

Meanwhile, the employment committee chaired by Dr. Abdul Jaber yesterday decided to grant work permits this week to 248 foreign workers most of whom will be employed in the construction and vocations sectors. The committee refused to give work permits to another 1,003 workers.

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## A new phase

THE POLITICAL landscape of the Middle East has been dramatically altered by the vote of the Israeli Knesset declaring a "complete and unified Jerusalem" to be the capital of Israel. Indeed, we find ourselves today at a turning point in the entire history of the Zionist-Arab conflict — a turning point that could not come at a more perilous moment, at that.

This is more than just the symbolic act which Israel's supporters are trying to make of it, even as they may regret the move itself, or at least its timing. Since 1967, Israeli governments have hid behind the language of international conventions to contend that their occupation and "unification" of East and West Jerusalem did not constitute annexation. That distinction has been eliminated with the passage of this bill. Under international law, annexation of a territory conquered by war is illegal. Israel knows this all too well.

The passage of the Jerusalem bill is also compelling for what it says about the so-called "pluralism" of Israel's political system. Introduced by an extremist member of the Knesset, with the stated aim of wrecking the negotiations with Egypt, the bill ended up being supported not only by the government which is supposed to be conducting those negotiations, but by the Labour opposition as well, who, while conceding that no good could come out of passage of the bill, bowed to the pressures of Zionist extremism.

The reactions to the Israeli measure which have emanated from beyond the Arab and Islamic worlds seem to focus on the timing of the act, or on the effect it might have on the "peace process," rather than on its intrinsic significance as a legalistic act of aggression. This suggests that Israel will remain cocooned in the protective swaddling clothes which it has always worn as the West's fractious and illegitimate child.

It remains, therefore, for the direct victims of this act of aggression to mount the necessary response. Seen in its historical perspective, this Israeli action is no mere brickbat thrown defiantly in our direction, but a grenade hurled aggressively into our midst.

The first response, as Jordan has already suggested, is for the Arab World to unite for once behind a common plan of action. The next is to determine what steps to take to use the diplomatic and economic means at our disposal to retaliate against the theft and rape of our land, our rights and our dignity. If Israel and its supporters wish to court international isolation, then they must have it. Not since 1967 has such a challenge been made to our will to reclaim our soil and our rights through whatever means as are necessary.

## Mufti returns from meeting in Copenhagen

AMMAN, Aug. 1 (JNA) — Minister of Social Development In'am Mufti returned here Thursday evening after heading Jordan's delegation to the U.N. World Conference on Women which concluded its meetings in Copenhagen on Wednesday.

Mrs. Mufti told the Jordan News Agency that the conference discussed the effects of the Israeli occupation on the status of Palestinian women and the possibility of extending assistance to them in cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The minister added that while in Copenhagen she visited several social institutions there. She also made contacts with delegates from Arab and friendly countries and representatives of international organisations with the aim of strengthening bilateral relations on women's affairs.

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## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAY: The American response to the passage of the Israeli law to swallow Arab Jerusalem was not as powerful as the serious aggression which took place. The comment made by the spokesman of the U.S. State Department limited itself to playing down the significance of the law, saying that it was not binding on Washington and hoping that the local autonomy talks would not be derailed because of it.

The comment means that Washington will not transfer its embassy to Arab Jerusalem, although the law makes it part of the "capital of Israel." This attitude represents the minimum degree of positive U.S. response to what has happened, but the strange thing is the insistence of the U.S. administration on continuing the "local autonomy" negotiations after the Israeli law has excluded Arab Jerusalem from the framework of the negotiations.

It should be remembered that the outward underestimation shown by the U.S. administration towards the Israeli law and its keenness on continuing the negotiations are aimed at achieving the following:

— to hemlock world opinion and to prevent any serious acts at the international level against the Israeli measure, which constitutes a challenge to the international will.

— misleading the world that the negotiations with regard to Arab Jerusalem are still continuing as long as the "local autonomy" negotiations are going on and that there is no need to take any measure before concluding the negotiations. Thus Israel will be given more time to digest the holy city it has swallowed.

— infusing the high road before the Egyptian regime so that it will not reconsider its policy to prevent the emergence of any initiative that would help in closing Arab ranks.

AL DUSTOUR: The Arab Nation is called upon today to declare its absolute rejection of the Israeli decision and its strangulation of the Arabism of Jerusalem, and to warn every country which accepts the decision, or which transfers its embassy to the occupied city, of the likely consequent of political and economic boycott.

The Islamic Nation is also called upon to implement its decision concerning Jerusalem and to impose a comprehensive boycott on the Israeli entity and on every country which supports this entity in usurping Jerusalem and destroying its cultural and human heritage.

Arabs now have to call for an immediate U.N. Security Council meeting to discuss the issue, which constitutes a flagrant violation to U.N. Resolution 242 by seizing the land of others by armed force; the council must officially denounce the ruin of Israel and its destruction of all chances for peace in the region.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Play

The Department of Culture and Arts, under the patronage of the Ministry of Culture and Youth and the Iraqi Embassy, presents the play by Iraqi writer Mr. Yousef Al'ani "Al Muftah" (The Key).

The thirteen-scene play, directed by Mr. Ahmad Shuqum, calls for abandoning reliance on others and advocates striving for a strong coherent Arab society capable of meeting the challenges currently confronting the Arab World. The play starts at 8:30 p.m. at the Department theatre and will run through August 8.

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### EXHIBITIONS

MONDAY, Aug. 4: A photo exhibition depicting the 50 day Republic opens in the Soviet Cultural Centre in co with an exhibition of books about Friedrich Engels.

CONTINUING: An exhibition of 30 oil paintings and a Sharif Moharram continues to Aug. 10 at Adham Isma.

\*\*\* More than 20 miniature abstract-expressionist Aleppo sculptor Abdul Rahman Mouakket are on display at the Ebla Gallery through Tuesday.

\*\*\* Oil paintings and etchings by Madmouh Kachlani in Ebla Gallery, one block northwest of the Italian H.

\*\*\* Icons, abstracts, landscapes and primitive Syrian p Latakia artist George Gheoura can be seen daily from 5 in his studio in the Jisr area of Damascus.

### VIDEO-TAPE PROGRAMMES

TUESDAY, Aug. 5: "Arts and Sports of France in J review slated for 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre.

WEDNESDAY Aug. 6: "The 1930s and the Paradise Renou", a cinematic programme, will be shown at 6 p. French Cultural Centre (in French).

FRIDAY, Aug. 8: A cinematic programme, "The actors' School of the 1930s", will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Cultural Centre (in French).

### LECTURES

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 6: A lecture on the philosophy of Yoga will be given by master Yoga instructor Dada Pray p.m. in the Damascus Community School.

\*\*\* Christian Fellowship meetings convene at 7 p.m. in the of Principal Valyn Anderson of the Damascus CCB School.

### FILMS

SUNDAY, Aug. 3: A Science fiction film entitled "In the Stars" will be shown at 8 p.m. in the German Deim Republic Cultural Centre (in German, with Arabic sub-titles).

MONDAY, Aug. 4 and WEDNESDAY, Aug. 6: "Escapade April" is a feature film to be shown at the Soviet Cultural (in Russian; Arabic sub-titles).

MONDAY, Aug. 4 and THURSDAY, Aug. 7: "L'Assaut au 21" a classic film directed by Georges Clouzot, will be shown at 8:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. It stars Pierre F. Sussy Delair, Jean Tissier and Pierre Larquy.

MONDAY, Aug. 4 - WEDNESDAY, Aug. 6: The latest Bond extravaganza, "The Spy Who Loved Me", starring Moore, will be shown at 9 p.m. in the garden of the Cultural Centre.

FRIDAY, Aug. 8: "Fun For All People", a film about mode in the USSR, will be shown at 6 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural (in Russian, with Arabic sub-titles).

### YOGA INSTRUCTION

Master yoga instructor Dada Pravira teaches yoga at 6 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Damascus Comm School. Beginners welcome.

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8.	7200 MR	2 x 10	mm <sup>2</sup>
9.	6000 MR	4 x 10	mm <sup>2</sup>
10.	2100 MR	4 x 16	mm <sup>2</sup>
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# Sahab: major archaeological site

By Steve Ross

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

**SAHAB, Aug. 1** -- This small town 12 kilometres southwest of Amman is a typical Jordanian agricultural settlement, outside which a new industrial estate is being built. But it is also a major archaeological site -- one rarely seen or even heard of by visitors to Jordan or residents with an interest in antiquities.

For the past eight years, excavations have been under way here which have added greatly to the knowledge relating to the history of Jordan. In particular, the site has provided answers to important questions about the occupation of the country in the Late Bronze to Iron Age: around the second half of second millennium B.C. A tell, or archaeological mound, built up by successive layers of occupation, one on top of another, is usually results in a distinctively shaped hill, easily recognisable to the archaeologist. In the case of Sahab, which was almost continuously for over 2,000 years in antiquity, the

outlines of the tell were obscured because it is, in effect, still growing -- the modern town is built right over the top of the ancient mound and all around it.

Before the tell itself was dug, a number of tombs in the area had already been excavated and published -- notably by W.F. Albright and by the late director general of antiquities, Mr. G. Lankester Harding. It was not until 1972, when the accidental discovery of a Middle Bronze Age tomb brought Dr. Mo'awiyah Ibrahim (then with the department of antiquities and now professor of archaeology at Yarmouk University) to Sahab, that the systematic excavation of the site itself began.

Another focus of this season's digging is the Late Bronze Age -- the 15th and 14th centuries B.C. (There are also Early Bronze remains at Sahab, but they are very difficult to distinguish from those of the Chalcolithic). The Late Bronze levels are dated on the basis of distinctive pottery of the period, and of a seal bearing the name of the Egyptian Pharaoh Thutmose III found in 1977, the last digging season.

A very important Late Bronze Age find being investigated this year is the defensive wall around the town -- the first from the period ever found to the east of the Jordan River. "The people of the Late Bronze Age dug a deep trench around the site, making two parallel retaining walls, with a corridor between them," Dr. Ibrahim said, "which was evidently used for defensive purposes." The wall has been traced in several test trenches, and over 100 metres of it have been uncovered this season.

This first Late Bronze town wall in Jordan is important because it "revises all theories about a gap in occupation between the 18th and the 12th centuries B.C.," Dr. Ibrahim said. "Previously it was thought that there were no major settlements in Jordan during that period, but the discovery of a large wall, and therefore an important city, scotches that theory."

The diggers have also begun to investigate part of the Late Bronze town, and among the discoveries there are large quantities of bichrome and imported wares, reinforcing the evidence of the city's importance.

Archaeologists and amateur enthusiasts who know about Sahab think of it as being an important site also for the study of the Iron Age in Jordan, and Dr. Ibrahim concurs. "Major occupation levels have been revealed from the Iron Ages I and II," he said -- the first half of the first

millennium B.C.

"These periods have much to do with the establishment of the 'Ammonite' kingdom," he continued. "There has been much more of this material found in Sahab than so far in Amman itself" -- the capital of the Ammonites.

Sizable architectural complexes dating to both Iron I and Iron II were found in the 1975 excavation season, and in one of them was found a large rectangular "pillared room", having four stone pillars running along the centre of the room and set into a plastered floor -- a typical Iron II construction pattern. The complex in which this room, close to the Iron Age city wall, was found is in an alley between two rows of houses and shaved down to the Iron Age levels by road clearance work -- digging in a town has its benefits as well as its disadvantages.

In addition to this pillared room from the 1975 season, one of the same type was found this year. "The Iron II town was smaller than that of the Iron I and Late Bronze periods, but it was very well fortified and well planned," Dr. Ibrahim said.

Additional evidence of the importance of Iron Age Sahab came in the form of large "coloured rim" jars. Such jars are typical of the Iron Age I in Palestine, and have been labelled by Biblical archaeologists (W.F. Albright and others) as "Early Israelite". But their discovery in Jordan shows up the inappropriateness of such labels. "On principle, it is wrong to identify pottery with ethnic groups," Dr. Ibrahim said, "since various forms were known on a large scale in the ancient Middle East."

But the jars enable precise dating of the Iron Age levels, and their presence in Sahab is another indication of the site's importance since they are obviously too big to have been carried there by mig-

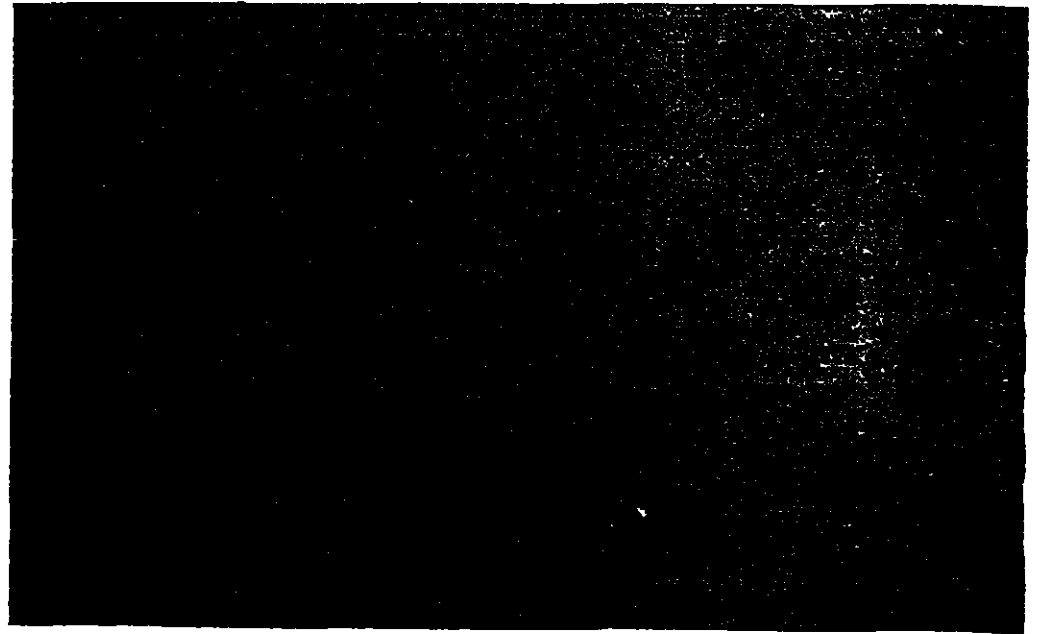
rating people from elsewhere.

Assisting in the work at Sahab are 30 staff members, including a number of employees of the department of antiquities, some students and research assistants from Yarmouk University, and a group of five from St. John Fischer University in Rochester, New York, headed by Dr. Jack Lee. A number of international specialists are also on the staff, including a human osteologist from the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., and a draughtsman from Denmark.

Labourers to do the digging are hired from the local community. But there are also a number of trained technical men (for detailed work requiring experience), some of whom have been working on digs for 30 years -- having got their start with Dame Kathleen Kenyon at Jericho.

Financing for the dig is provided by the Yarmouk University Institute for Jordanian Studies and the department of antiquities. The staff lives in a schoolhouse on a hill outside the town, courtesy of the ministry of education.

Dr. Ibrahim says that there will definitely be another season of digging at Sahab, probably next year. "The next season will be our last, we hope -- but then, we've been saying that since 1972," he said.

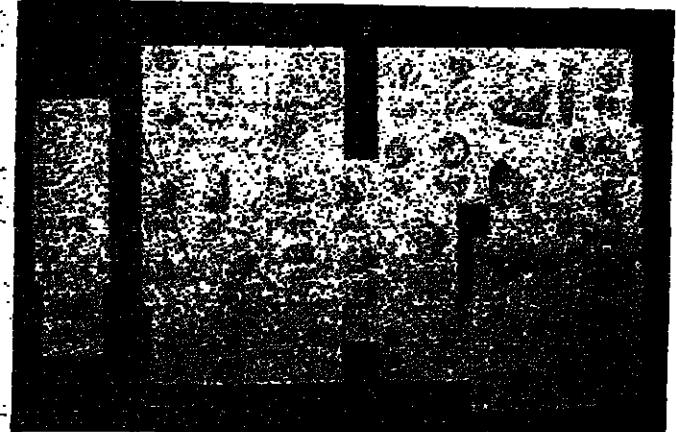
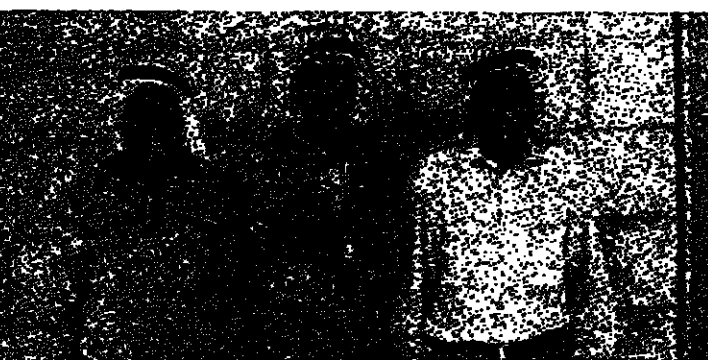


Map showing the relation of the digging areas to the town of Sahab.

Dr. Mo'awiyah Ibrahim talks with one of the diggers from St. John Fischer University.



Archaeological workers with thirty years of experience, left to right: Ayyash Mohammad Issa Abu Hilal, Ali Abdul Rasoul Hajjaj and Sadiq Abdullah Abu Khalif.



Drawings of some of the many stone objects found at the site (mostly plectrums of various kinds).

The excavators, now in the middle of their fifth digging season, have had all the problems one might expect, having to dig in the middle of an active and still-growing town. They are, in general, able to work only in vacant spaces, and must keep a sharp eye out that ongoing construction work is not destroy archaeological remains before they can be investigated (two of the important as in which they are now working were first exposed by bulldozing house foundations). It is a good example of what you might call long-term salvage work," Dr. Ibrahim told the Jordan Times.

But it is a rich site, and the diggers have been able to retrieve both material and architectural evidence of its long occupation. This season we are concentrating on the earliest occupation levels, during which the site was at its largest extent," Dr. Ibrahim said. These are the Chalcolithic levels, dating to the fifth and fourth millennia B.C.

"We have found architectural units from the Neolithic-Chalcolithic in various areas, including a series of rooms around courtyards, with storage pits dug into bedrock or virgin soil" -- large ones for common, and small ones for private use, Dr. Ibrahim continued.

"The pottery types of this period at Sahab are very similar to those of the Ghassul/Bir Al Sab'a Chalcolithic, which is well represented in various parts of Palestine and on the Jordanian plateau, but especially in the Jordan Valley," he said.

One thing the excavators did not expect to find this season but did, he said, was a quantity of remains from the Ayyubid/Mameluke period -- the 11th to 13th centuries A.D. (Sahab seems to have been occupied in antiquity up until the sixth century B.C., and then abandoned until the Middle Ages. After that, it was unoccupied for another long stretch, until it was again resettled in the 19th century.)



Dr. Ibrahim with a Late Bronze Age chisel point from Sahab. Behind him is a shelf full of only a few of the many stone objects from the site.

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4. Ghalib Haddadin
5. A. Sokout & Ibrahim
6. Sherif Naser Ibn
7. Nidal B. E. Hadid

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Owner Ibrahim 50  
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**SECOND RACE 3:45 P.M.**  
FOR BEGINNER HORSES  
DISTANCE 1,600 METRES

1. A. Sokout & Ibrahim
2. Ismail Saleem
3. Mamdouh El Hadid
4. Sami Haddadin
5. Nimir El Hmoud
6. Khalid El Adwan
7. Shalan El Khashman
8. Suliman El Sanie
8. Hanif El Hadid

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Owner Kasim 52.5  
Owner Khadir 52.5  
Owner Najib 52.5  
Owner Salah 50  
Owner Rashid 50  
Owner Daifallah 50  
Owner Fawwaz 47

**THIRD RACE 4:15 P.M.**  
FOR LOCAL COUNTRY HORSES, THIRD CLASS  
DISTANCE 1,600 METRES

1. Mishaal El Faiez
2. Khalid El Adwan
3. Salami Salim
4. Mohammad Suliman
5. Mohammad Suliman
6. Bassam El Hadid
7. Nimir El Hmoud
8. Shalan El Khashman
9. Bahjat Fanous
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Owner Salami 51.5  
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Owner Ahmad 45.5  
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**FOURTH RACE 4:45 P.M.**  
FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES  
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

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3. Mishaal El Faiez
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Kamal Mostafa 58

**FIFTH RACE 5:15 P.M.**  
FOR SECOND CLASS HORSES  
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Mousa Salami
2. Sherif Naser Ibn
- Jamil Stable
3. Rashid Oudih
4. A. Sokout & Ibrahim
5. Mamdouh El Hadid
6. Usamah El Miflih
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# Economic News Briefs

## U.S. economic index records gain of 2.5%

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (Special)—The U.S. government's index of leading economic indicators, which foreshadows broad movements in the economy, made its biggest gain in five years last month.

The index rose 2.5 per cent in June, marking the first improvement since June 1979. The increase followed a 2.3 per cent drop in May and a record 3.95 per cent decline in April of this year.

Secretary of Commerce Philip Klutznick said the strong rise in the index "reinforces evidence which has been emerging over the past several weeks that the low point of the recession may be reached sooner than expected."

The June 1980 figure represents the largest rise in the index since a 3.2 per cent increase in June 1975, when the United States was pulling out of its last recession.

Seven of the ten indicators reflected improved economic performance, led by a drop in the rate of lay-offs from manufacturing jobs.

## Japanese farmers protest rice prices

TOKYO, Aug. 1 (R)—Hundreds of banner-carrying farmers staged a noisy demonstration outside the ministry of agriculture and forestry here yesterday in protest against government plans to raise the official price offered to producers for this year's rice crop by 2.3 per cent. The farmers want an increase of 16.7 per cent.

The proposed new price will be 17,674 yen (\$77.9) per 60 kilograms for standard grade, equivalent of \$1,300 a tonne and more than three times the international market price of \$380.

Japan plans to export about 420,000 tonnes of rice in the 1980 fiscal year ending next March as aid to developing countries suffering food shortages. Last year 900,000 tonnes of Japanese rice were sold abroad, causing strong complaints from American rice exporters and the United States government.

## W. Germany, Turkey sign DM 460m accord

BONN, Aug. 1 (R)—West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Turkish Ambassador Vahit Halfoglu signed an agreement here yesterday under which West Germany will provide Turkey with 460 million marks of financial aid this year.

A foreign ministry statement said the aid forms part of the 560 million marks Bonn has agreed to contribute within the framework of the OECD special aid programme for Turkey.

The two countries signed a similar agreement for 100 million marks last February.

## Iranian oil prices to remain unchanged

TEHRAN, Aug. 1 (R)—Iran will make no changes in its oil prices for August. Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinefar said yesterday. He told Reuters in response to a question that the light crude price will stay at \$35.37 set from April 1, and prices for other grades also remain unchanged.

The crude price breaks down into a \$33.50 a barrel official price, a three dollar premium on half the oil sold under contract, and a 37 cents a barrel surcharge for credit facilities.

## Chrysler reports sales drop, \$985m loss

DETROIT, Aug. 1 (R)—The troubled Chrysler car firm yesterday reported reduced sales and a loss of \$985 million in the first half of this year but said it expected to move into profit by year-end. The second-quarter loss was \$536.1 million compared with \$416 million lost by General Motors and \$468 million by Ford.

Chrysler, which had to get federal government loan guarantees earlier this year, said its sales had been hurt by speculation that it would not get them. But it expected to go into profit through cost cutting and its new front-wheel-drive economy "K" car.

"The company has accelerated the start of production of its fuel-efficient new front wheel 'K' cars. Chairman Lee Iacocca said. "This new production plan will enable Chrysler to assemble a total of more than 170,000 K-cars by the end of the year."

Mr. Iacocca said Chrysler expects to increase its volume and share of market in the fourth quarter. Chrysler currently trails Datsun and Toyota as well as General Motors and Ford in U.S. market share.

For the first half of 1980, Chrysler U.S. retail passenger car sales totalled 409,108 compared with 583,187 for the year ago period. Truck sales totalled 136,631 units compared to 211,323 units.

## S. Korea predicts trebling GNP by 1986

SEOUL, Aug. 1 (R)—South Korea's economic planning board today predicted that the Gross National Product per person will rise to \$4,201 by 1986, compared with \$1,614 last year.

It forecast growth of eight per cent in the period 1982-86, compared with 9.2 per cent in 1977-1981. Wholesale prices would rise an average nine per cent a year in the five year period. Last year they rose 18.9 per cent.

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Aug. 1 (R)—Share prices closed slightly lower in quiet trading with no real features noted, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was down 2.7 at 487.6.

Leading industrials were generally a penny or two easier as prices drifted on lack of interest, dealers added. Government bonds generally closed firmer after yesterday's losses, with dealers noting some nervousness ahead of the U.K. banking figures due next week.

U.S. and Canadian shares were firmer. Thorn, Hawker Siddeley and Guest Keen each dropped 4p while ICI and Blue Circle shed 2p apiece. Courtauld, Beecham and Plessey were a penny lower.

Lex Services rose 2p to 81p following yesterday's results while Fitch Lovell dipped a penny to 79p, also after earnings reported yesterday.

Oils tended easier with BP, Burmah, Tricentrol and Premier between 2p and 4p easier.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, Aug. 1 (R)—Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.3320/40	U.S. dollar	
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	1.7935/45	West German marks	
	1.9545/60	Dutch guilders	
	1.6600/20	Swiss francs	
	28.54/59	Belgian francs	
	4.1550/75	French francs	
	843.00/75	Italian lire	
	227.00/20	Japanese yen	
	4.1710/25	Swedish crowns	
	4.8865/75	Norwegian crowns	
	5.5350/70	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	621.00/623.00	U.S. dollars	

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	291.00/293.00	French franc	71.20/71.60
U.K. sterling	688.10/692.10	Dutch guilder	151.20/152.10
West German mark	165.00/166.00	Swedish crown	70.20/70.60
Swiss franc	178.60/179.70	Belgium franc	103.50/104.10
Italian lire	35.00/35.20	Japanese yen	128.20/129.00
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## FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 2, 1980

### YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** The first half of the day is fine for deciding upon a new course of action by which you can make your fondest dreams come true. Maintain a cheerful manner in all activities.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study your surroundings and make plans for improvement. State your aims to good friends and gain their support.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make arrangements that are important to your welfare, but consider any pitfalls you might encounter. Be sensible.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Establish a new system and regular routines will be easier to perform. Take health treatments and improve your appearance.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) You have fine ideas that can be developed after gaining support of influential persons. Spend your money wisely.

## Japan resists pressure to resume Iranian oil imports

TOKYO, Aug. 1 (R)—Japanese oil refiners have asked the Japanese government to allow them to resume Iranian crude oil imports, suspended last April following their rejection of Iran's demand for a \$2.5 increase in oil prices to \$35 a barrel, the Petroleum Federation of Japan said here yesterday.

The request was made by Mr. Tokio Nagayama, president of the federation, to Trade Minister, Rokusuke Tanaka, on the grounds that it was undesirable to stop oil imports for a long time from Japan's traditional trade partner, which last year supplied 10 per cent of the country's oil needs.

Ministry officials said they told 12 Japanese refiners and trading houses last April to reject the Iranian demand for an oil price rise, because it was considered too high.

The officials said that while the world oil price situation has changed since then so that \$35 was not necessarily too high, there is no need to import oil from Iran for

the present as Japan's oil tanks are already almost flowing. The officials added they have received no appeal from Iran over the matter.

Mr. Nagayama also asked Tanaka to help the Japanese industry to increase its West imports to 300,000 barrels a day next year, the federation said.

Mr. Tanaka told Mr. Nagayama that he might visit Mexico for purpose and negotiate with finance ministry to ensure Japanese economic assistance to Mexico, including the construction steel plant, it said.

Mr. Nagayama also requested the trade minister to increase subsidies for the shipping of crude oil and oil products by oil refineries, it said. At the private oil stockpile total, days of Japan's oil needs, but subsidies cover only slightly more than 10 per cent of the stock costs, it said.

**LEO** (July 22 to Aug. 21) Ideal day to enjoy yourself at social activities with congenials. Plan how to gain your most cherished aims.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) State your aims to good friends and gain the support you need in a new project you have in mind. Express happiness.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Know what is expected of you by family members and do your best to please them. Discuss personal plans with friends.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Ideal day to enjoy yourself at recreations in the company of congenials. Take treatments to improve your health.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Do a favor for those you like and gain their added respect. A special talent you have needs to be expressed.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make sure to improve conditions at home today. Make a study of ventures you want to engage in the near future.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Whatever you do today can bring needed advancement, so strive to be more productive. Engage in favorite hobby.

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## Conflicting proposals to ease tension

## Waldheim arrives in Hanoi today for Kampuchea talks

BANGKOK, Aug. 1 (R)—Conflicting proposals to ease tension along the Thai-Kampuchean border are likely to dominate U.N. Secretary General

Kurt Waldheim's visit to Vietnam and Thailand starting tomorrow, diplomatic sources here said today.

Dr. Waldheim is due to arrive in Hanoi tomorrow from Singapore for a two-day visit and fly on to Bangkok for a further two days of talks.

Vietnam, which has an estimated seven divisions and several independent regiments deployed in western Kampuchea, brought the border area to boiling point last June with a two-day strike into eastern Thailand.

It followed the thrust by proposing, with its Indochinese allies Laos and Kampuchea, establishment of a demilitarised zone along the frontier under some form of international supervision.

The proposal was viewed with great distrust by the Thais. There have been allegations by the Indochinese countries that Bangkok was actively aiding guerrillas loyal to the ousted Khmer Rouge regime still fighting in Kampuchea.

Dr. Waldheim has said such deployment of U.N. observers was a security council matter and he could not authorise it.

Thailand wants to set up safe-haven zones along the border where Kampuchean refugees now squatting could enjoy some security from the continued fighting.

Diplomatic sources said the Indochinese proposals, made in Vientiane last month, appeared to aim at emptying the frontier region of civilians.

But Thailand does not want this, fearing that it would have a permanent refugee problem if it allowed the refugees to move deeper into Thailand.

The sources said Dr. Waldheim might also raise the prospect of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) acting as a go-between in talks between Bangkok and Phnom Penh on the voluntary return to Kampuchea of refugees from along the border and in refugee camps inside Thailand.

Thailand has rebuffed several overtures from the Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh, which it does not recognise, for direct talks on bilateral problems, saying face-to-face negotiations could be seen as implicit

as diversionary and political.

The statement rejected "Vietnam's latest moves to effect closure of the border and ... the pressures exerted upon international relief organisations to divert relief assistance only to Phnom Penh."

"The ASEAN member-states emphasise Thailand's non-involvement in the armed conflict in Kampuchea," the statement said. They therefore reiterated their request for the stationing of a U.N. observer team on the Thai side of the border.

ASEAN comprises Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines.



Dr. Kurt Waldheim

recognition.

In Manila, the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) meanwhile today called for the establishment of "demilitarised peace zones" in Kampuchea under U.N. supervision and the stationing of U.N. observers on the Thai side of the border.

Senior ASEAN officials said in a statement after a three-day meeting that they "reject any and all efforts aimed at legitimising the presence of Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea and the regime sustained by them."

The statement made no direct reference to the Vientiane conference. But delegates said at a press conference that they regarded the Vietnamese moves

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1 (AP)—Survivors of a U.S. Congressman and a news cameraman who were killed near the doomed People's Temple colony at Jonestown, Guyana, filed suit in federal court yesterday seeking \$8 million in damages.

The separate wrongful death actions were filed by the five children of U.S. Representative Leo Ryan and for the wife and three children of National Broadcasting Company news cameraman Mr. Don Harris.

The suits allege that the U.S. State Department knew of the extreme risk involved in the mission but negligently failed to provide Mr. Ryan and his party with adequate security and military protection.

The State Department in Washington had no immediate comment.

Mr. Ryan led newsmen and others to Jonestown in 1978 to investigate reports of mistreatment of U.S. citizens at the

## 'Rhodesia is dead' shouted as statue of Cecil Rhodes is removed from sight

SALISBURY, Aug. 1 (R)—African demonstrators battered the statue of Cecil John Rhodes with iron staves today as the monument to the British colonial entrepreneur who founded Rhodesia was hauled down in central Salisbury.

"Now we have Zimbabwe, Rhodesia is dead," one African shouted as a crane lifted the statue from its plinth and laid it on a waiting lorry.

Crowds of Africans leapt onto the prone bronze statue, waving clenched fist salutes, kicking at its head and beating at it with iron bars.

The hammering left the statue with only a few dents on the nose. The Rhodes statue had been a landmark on Salisbury's Jameson Avenue for years, now called Samarra Machel Avenue in honour of the Mozambique president.

The statue's removal — for blacks a symbol of their independence and political power — was also almost timed to avoid embarrassment during President Machel's state visit which begins on Monday, government officials said.

President Machel will be the first leader to pay a state visit to Zimbabwe since independence — a token of Premier Robert Mugabe's appreciation of the support he gave during Zimbabwe's seven-year bush war.

## Children of Jonestown victims sue U.S. government for \$8m

colony led by the Rev. Jim Jones, whose Peoples Temple had its headquarters here in Ryan's district.

Mr. Ryan and Mr. Harris, and three others were slain by followers of Jones on the minister's orders.

That night Rev. Jones and more than 900 other followers died in a mass suicide.

The suits claimed the State Department had a special duty to warn Mr. Ryan of the dangers and risk.

An agent of the Central Intelligence Agency and an employee of the department "knowingly, intentionally and maliciously" led them into a trap at the air strip which cost them their lives, the suits say.

## U.N. world women's conference equates Zionism with racism

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 1 (R)—A world conference of women ended here early yesterday with the adoption of a 186-point plan of action — but most of Europe abstained and the United States, Canada, Israel and Australia voted against it.

The plan includes controversial paragraphs equating Zionism with racism and providing for all United Nations funds for Palestinian women refugees to be funneled through the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

It also calls for women's enfranchisement, equal opportunities, better health and education services, better job possibilities, the elimination of sexual discrimination and a fuller integration of women into national life in all countries.

The Palestinian delegation's Miss Laila Khaled — who first won international notice as a hijacker — said the vote of 94 to four, with 22 abstentions, was a confirmation of the racist elements in Zionism.

The U.S. delegation leader, Mrs. Sarah Weddington, said: "The conference... was subverted from focusing on women's real issues by the political polemics of the Middle East crisis."

The meeting — the second world conference of the United Nations Decade for Women — was attended by 1,200 delegates representing 136 of the 152 members of the United Nations. Its plan, drawn up in 17 days of talks, covers the next five years.

## British bugging out of control, charges Post Office union

LONDON, Aug. 1 (AP)—Post Office engineers claimed yesterday that British security agencies and police are wiretapping on a "massive scale," and it has got out of control, with no accountability to parliament.

The 125,000-member Post Office Engineering Union also said in a report that there is strong evidence the U.S. National Security Agency is one of several "official organisations" intercepting telephone and other communications over which Home Secretary William Whitelaw has no control.

The practice of official telephone tapping extends beyond the monitoring of subversive groups, suspected spies and major criminal organisations, particularly

drug syndicates, that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government has acknowledged, the engineers alleged.

The home office declined all comment.

The engineers called on the Conservative government to launch a major investigation into the scale of unauthorised bugging by security services and the threat to individual freedoms.

The union's general secretary, Bryan Stanley, declined to give further details about the alleged NSA operations. But the union's research officer who compiled the report, said NSA intercepts are "very extensive indeed" and "I'm not sure how far ministers are aware of it."

Alarm in Britain over wiretap-

ping was triggered last year when the leftwing *New Statesman* weekly magazine uncovered a national bugging operation, code-named Tinkerbell, run by the Post Office from a secret centre in central London that can monitor 1,000 lines at a time.

Mr. Whitelaw said after the *New Statesman* disclosures that wiretapping was under strict government control.

He said more than 500 "war-rants" for tapping were approved in mainland Britain last year.

That total excluded strife-torn Northern Ireland, where wiretaps and electronic surveillance are widely used by the British army and intelligence agencies to combat guerrillas.

## Carter cables report

## Billy Carter's Libya trip was 'a very positive event'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (Agencies)—The Jimmy Carter White House, in releasing apparently innocuous U.S. State Department cables on Mr. Billy

Carter's 1978 visit to Libya, is fully discounting any suggestion President Carter gave his brother-in-law sensitive government information.

The cables reported there was "no negative fallout" from the trip, and one consisted of nothing, but a news account of the lack of beer, then Mr. Billy Carter's favourite drink, in Libya.

White House press secretary Jody Powell said yesterday that even if the president had given the cables to his brother, as a Justice Department official says Mr. Billy Carter once claimed, "It wouldn't have amounted to a hill of beans."

Mr. Billy Carter, meanwhile, denied that he received any cables, and Mr. Powell said there were no indications the president read them — much less gave them to Mr. Billy Carter — before discussing them with his brother.

The seven cables were released as a special Senate committee investigating the Billy Carter-Libyan affair was to begin hearings to try to sift through most of the evidence by the end of August.

U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh, chairman of the Senate panel said he would consider letting the president testify next week, if Mr. Carter asked to. But Sen. Bayh and the vice-chairman, Senator Strom Thurmond, said it would be better to wait until after the Democratic national convention, which begins on Aug. 11.

Mr. Powell said the seven cables were the only ones regarding Mr. Billy Carter's trip and the only ones the president recalls dis-

cussing with his brother.

Five were marked "limited official use," one was classified "confidential" and one was unclassified. All since have been declassified, and — far from being secret — some actually were released under the freedom of information act to columnist Jack Anderson more than a year ago, Mr. Powell said.

The cables contained reports from the U.S. embassy in Tripoli on the activities of the small, unofficial delegation of Americans headed by Mr. Billy Carter in Sept. 1978. They reflected some concern about what he might say that could further exacerbate the already strained relations between the two nations.

Shortly after the delegation left, however, American charge d'affaires reported home: "As far

as we can see, there has been no negative fallout from Billy Carter's visit to Tripoli. In fact, on the local view we would rate it a very positive event which has opened some doors for this embassy and raised the morale of the American community."

Mr. Powell said it was that type of information that the president relayed to his brother some time



Billy Carter after Mr. Billy Carter's four-day visit to Tripoli. "There was some concern about this visit to Tripoli," Powell said. "Given that, if the visit had come off with problems, indeed, the (U.S. affairs) has continued in a favourable fashion, would some relief to the president."

## S. Korean censorship and purges continue

SEOUL, Aug. 1 (R)—South Korea's leading dissident, former presidential candidate Kim Dae Jung, has been formally charged with conspiring to overthrow the military government — a charge carrying a possible death penalty — martial law authorities announced today.

A total of 23 others have been indicted on less serious charges. Under the martial law regulation, the 54-year-old veteran of Korean politics will face a court martial within 20 days.

He was detained on May 17, when martial law was declared after widespread student demonstrations, and the martial law command says that though he was in detention at the time Mr. Kim was the instigator of an uprising in the city of Kwangju in which 189 people were killed.

They said he had funded and fomented unrest on university campuses.

Mr. Kim Dae Jung's detention came 78 days after the government restored his civil rights on February 29 this year.

He told his supporters afterwards he could not believe that the military hierarchy, after years of propaganda aimed at discrediting him, would suddenly permit him to contest presidential elections if there was the slightest chance he would win.

When North Korean troops swept down the Peninsula during the 1950-53 Korean war, Mr. Kim Jung was captured and sentenced to death as a reactionary. He escaped from jail and joined the resistance.

Mr. Kim Dae Jung was named by South Korea from a Tokyo hotel in 1973, in self exile in Japan and back to South Korea. Two earlier he had won 45 per cent of the votes in the last direct electoral election against Park.

Continuing the military purge, the Education Ministry today announced sacking of 418 teachers an education officials. News sources said more than 170 nationalists had been sacked at more dismissals — including the national news agency — were expected in the coming week.

The government closed 172 periodicals, accusing the corrupt, obscene, depraved or distorted reporting liable to social decay, juvenile delinquency and class conflict. The list included the *Journalist Association quarterly journal*.

The dismissals in other organisations followed the sacking of newspaper publishers. Their own houses in order to risk outside intervention, journalists were required to submit their resignations, in sources said, and as many as were expected to be accepted. Already dismissed were employees of the Korea Broadcasting System, 36 at the Mibroadcasting station, some of the daily newspaper *Kyunghyang* at *Chosun Ilbo*, another daily, and 30 more at *Joong Ilbo* daily, including the managing editor and editor in chief.

## W. German guerrilla gets life

STUTTGART, West Germany, Aug. 1 (R)—West German urban guerrilla Knut Folkerts was sentenced to life imprisonment today for murdering federal prosecutor Siegfried Buback and two other men three years ago.

Mr. Folkerts, 28, was also found guilty of attempted murder and of belonging to a terrorist organisation.

The court said he killed Mr. Buback, the prosecutor's chauffeur and a bodyguard in a sub-machine gun attack in Karlsruhe in April 1977.

Mr. Folkerts was extradited from the Netherlands nearly two years ago, where he was serving a 20-year prison sentence for shoot-

ing a Dutch policeman.

The fatal attack took place as Mr. Buback was being driven to his Karlsruhe office. A motorcycle carrying two people drew alongside his car and the pillion passenger fired 15 shots into the vehicle at point-blank range.

Presiding Judge Eberhard Foth said it was not certain that Mr. Folkerts was the gunman.

But he said the court was convinced that Mr. Folkerts was one of the three people directly involved in the crime, either as one of the motorcycle crew or as the driver of the getaway car to which they later switched.

The charge of attempted murder against Mr. Folkerts con-

cerned an attack on an arms dealer in Frankfurt, three months after Mr. Buback's assassination.

Mr. Folkerts was expelled from the court immediately after judge Foth pronounced sentence, at his own request.

He called the judge a "fascist rat" and a "dirty provocateur".

Earlier in the trial, the court separated an attempted murder charge from the main indictment.

In this incident, in August 1977, several guerrillas entered the Karlsruhe home of an elderly couple whose apartment faced the federal prosecutor's office.

After tying up the couple they assembled a home-made multiple rocket launcher connected to a timing device.

But the couple freed themselves and raised the alarm before the launcher, carrying 42 explosive projectiles, was activated.

Justice sources said this charge would be allowed to lapse when today's sentence had been reviewed and confirmed.

## Warship designer arrested for spying by West Germany

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, Aug. 1 (R)—Police have arrested a technical designer at a shipyard producing West Germany's most modern warships on suspicion of spying for East Germany, the federal prosecutor's office said today.

The man is suspected of passing information on shipbuilding to the East Berlin ministry of state security, a spokesman said.

He refused to comment on press reports that the man was involved in building the West German navy's new frigates and had given

military secrets to the East Germans.

The suspect was not named. The conservative newspaper *Die Welt* reported today that the man worked at the Bremer Vulkan shipyard and was involved in designing the frigates.

The 122 frigate, at present being fitted out at the yard, is due to go into service in 1982. It is the largest warship West Germany has been allowed to build since World War II.

## Soviet and Vietnamese cosmonauts land safely

MOSCOW, Aug. 1 (R)—The first Vietnamese cosmonaut Lieutenant Colonel Pham Tuan has returned to earth safely after taking part in the Soviet Union's latest two-man space mission.

The space flight, sixth in a series involving the Soviet Union's allies, ended on schedule when the descent capsule carrying the Vietnamese and his Soviet Commander Colonel Viktor Gorbalko made a soft landing in Kazakhstan at 7515 GMT.

They were launched on July 23 and spent a week aboard the Salyut-6 orbital station carrying out experiments with cosmonauts Leonid Popov and Valery Rymyn, who have been on board since early April.

The mission has been extensively publicised during the Moscow Olympics, which end on Sunday, and there have been frequent television hookups between earth and space.

Lt. Col. Tuan, has been awarded the Order of Lenin and the title of Hero of the Soviet Union.

A Czechoslovak, an East German, a Pole, a Bulgarian and a Hungarian have also been into orbit as part of the two-man crew of a Soviet Soyuz craft.

Romania, Cuban and Mongolian cosmonauts are also in training, and will be joined in the due course by two French space-men. India was invited to put a man into space aboard a Soviet craft, but turned down the offer.

## East-West arms manoeuvres: U.S. charges Russia with having an 'aggressive' presence in Indian Ocean

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 1 (R)—The Soviet Union has 20 to 30 vessels, including combat ships, constantly on station in the Indian Ocean, in addition to land-based forces in or near the area, the United States charged today.

Addressing a U.N. committee considering ways of reducing super power rivalry in the region, Mr. Jerome Kahan, the American delegate, said it should be clear to members why the U.S. was prepared to "respond to requests for assistance and to deter aggression."

He said American actions were designed to reassure states of this readiness to respond. "We cannot ignore the massive presence of Soviet land-based ground and air forces inside and adjacent to the border of Afghanistan," Mr. Kahan said.

"The so-called 'limited contingent' actually engaged in or in support of operations inside Afghanistan consists of six combat divisions and supporting units (including numerous air units), and totals in excess of 100,000 military personnel."

"And if one goes just a bit further into the territory of the Soviet Union, we find at least 30

divisions more equipped with well over 6,000 tanks and up to 1,000 military fighters, bombers and helicopters."

Replying to those members of the committee who, he said, were "inclined to discuss U.S. naval forces in the Indian Ocean," Mr. Kahan said they might put this into proper perspective by examining the total Soviet presence. How much simpler life would be for the Russians if they had no rivals in the area.

Soviet influence there would be overwhelming, and any disputes in the region would be tipped in the bud — with solutions dictated from Moscow.

"But, we must ask," he said, "is that what the members of this committee want? — more Afghanistsans?"

It should be clear to all why the U.S. was taking actions designed to reassure states in the region "that we are prepared to respond to requests for assistance and to deter aggression — a prospect which cannot be seen as theoretical in light of the Afghanistan situation and the demonstrable capacity that the Soviets have to project their military power from land and sea into the Indian Ocean region."

## Soviet Union completes withdrawal of 20,000 troops from E. Germany

MOSCOW, Aug. 1 (AP)—The Soviet Union announced early today that it has fully completed a unilateral withdrawal of 20,000 Red Army troops and 1,000 tanks from East Germany.

In a statement carried by the official news

agency Tass, the Kremlin said the pullout "was dictated by a sincere desire to stimulate efforts to achieve military détente in Europe and to set an example of real actions in this direction."

The Soviet withdrawal was originally

announced last October by President Leonid Brezhnev in an East Berlin speech.

Western observers viewed the move as partly aimed at furthering Moscow's propaganda campaign against NATO plans to deploy new medium-range missiles in western Europe. NATO decided in December to proceed with the missile programme.

The Tass statement said that following Mr. Brezhnev's announcement, the Soviet troop decision "was being implemented in a consistent manner."

Provisional agreement has been reached on an international exchange of seismic data, setting up an expert committee to monitor the eventual treaty, and on the crucial issue of on-site inspections.

The search for reliable methods of guarding against cheating has hindered progress in the three-year negotiations, held in rotation at Geneva missions of the three powers and aimed at converting a 1963 partial test ban treaty into a comprehensive ban.

British Ambassador David Summerhayes, reporting to the 40-nation disarmament committee on behalf of the three powers, said they believed the verification measures broke significant new ground in international arms limitation efforts.

The treaty being negotiated will come into force when ratified by at least 20 countries including the

three which set it up.

It will prohibit nuclear weapon testing on ground as well as blasts in the atmosphere, on space and under water which are already covered and will be accompanied by a moratorium, peaceful nuclear explosions pending a separate treaty.

Conference sources said the accord was a compromise between Soviet refusal to permit entry of foreign scientists after a suspected nuclear blast, and the western countries' demand for obligatory inspections.

However no accord has yet been reached on the number and location of devices each country should install on its territory to register falls and seismic shocks, the sources added.

Meanwhile in Stockholm yesterday, the obligatory T Hagnors registered seismic signals probably originated from an underground nuclear explosion in the Semipalatinsk area in the Soviet Union.

The explosion at about 0330 GMT measured 5.5 on the Richter underground scale. The reading indicates a quake of considerable magnitude. It was the seventh explosion in the Semipalatinsk area this year.